Non-diffractive meson production (π^+) with EIC

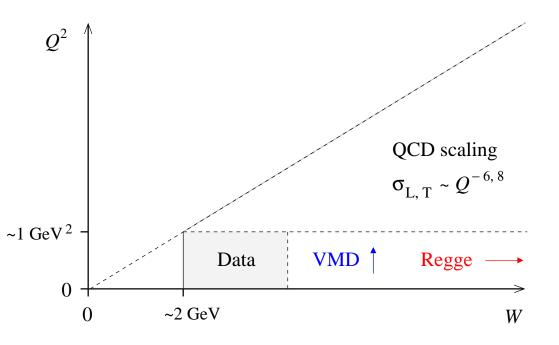
Ch. Weiss (with V. Guzey), Jefferson Lab EIC Collaboration Meeting, Stony Brook, Dec. 7-8, 2007

- Parametrization of cross sections for exclusive electroproduction $ep \to e'n\pi^+$ in collider kinematics $(W \gg 1 \text{GeV}, \ 0 < Q^2 < \text{few GeV}^2)$
- First counting rate estimates for EIC (preliminary!)
- Many interesting physics questions
 - Reaction mechanism: Transition from "soft" to "hard" regime
 - Nucleon structure: Quark QPDs, spin/flavor distributions
 - Pion form factor [JLab]
 - \rightarrow Talk by M. Strikman

Exclusive processes at collider energies

	diffractive	non-diffractive
	vacuum exchange	quantum number exchange
	$\gamma^* p \to \rho^0 p, \ \gamma p, \ J/\psi + p, \dots$	$\gamma^* p \to \pi N, \ K\Lambda, \ \rho^+ n, \dots$
"soft"	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Reggeon exchange $\sigma \sim s^{-1} - s^{-2}$
"hard"	от gluon GPD	non-singlet quark GPD
	transverse gluon imaging	quark imaging (spin/flavor)
	"one channel"	"many channels"

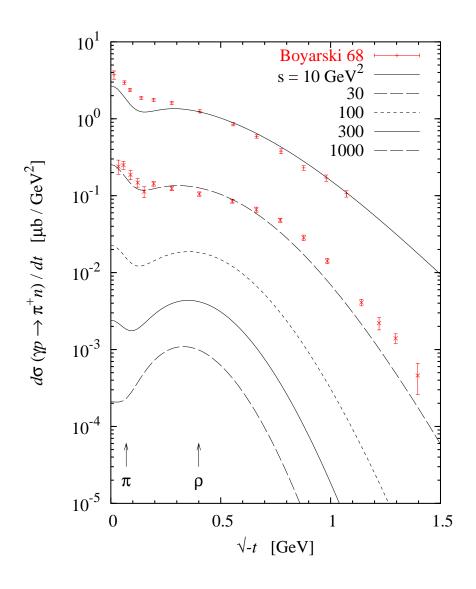
Exclusive pion production: Landscape



• Simple analytic form (suitable for MC)

- Phenomenological parametrization based on
 - Regge model $(Q^2 = 0)$
 - VMD ($Q^2 < 1$ GeV 2)
 - QCD scaling
- Correct limiting behavior at large W, Q^2

Exclusive pion production: $Q^2 = 0$

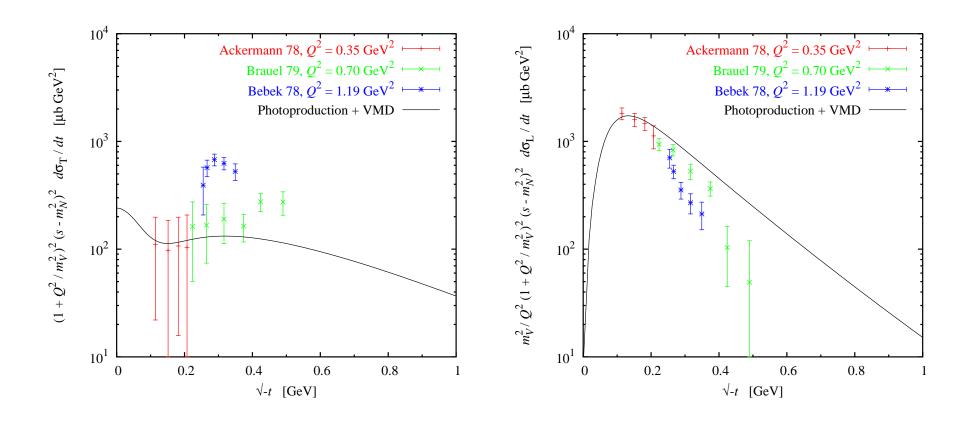


Non-uniform *t*-dependence:
 Pion exchange + "something"

Data well described by Regge models with π + ρ trajectories
 e.g. Reggeized Born term model [Guidal, Laget, Vanderhaeghen 98]

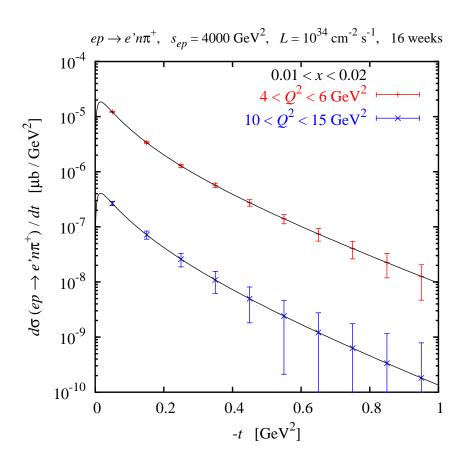
 t-dependence predicted to change with s

Exclusive pion production: $Q^2 < 1 \,\mathrm{GeV}^2$



- \bullet Vector meson dominance works reasonably for $W>2\,{\rm GeV}$ and $Q^2\sim M_{\rho}^2$
- L/T ratio at larger t?

Exclusive pion production at EIC: First estimates



Luminosity $10^{34} \text{cm}^{-2} s^{-1}$

Running time 16 weeks

Energy 10 on 100 GeV

Detection 100%

PRELIMINARY

- Many uncertainties (model dependence, extrapolations)
- No proper integration ($d\sigma \times$ bin size)
- Seems feasible at not too small $x~(\sim 0.05-0.1)$

Summary and Outlook

- Exclusive π^+ production looks feasible with high–luminosity EIC \rightarrow Many interesting options!
- Test/improve parametrization
- Full MC simulations [with A. Bruell, T. Horn]
- Alt. parametrization based on GPD models + higher twist
- Connection with pion form factor measurements at JLab (L/T, pole-background separation)
- Other channels (K, π^0, η, ρ^+)